

REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT:

A universal joint includes an outer ring held in a fitting hole of a yoke and supporting a trunnion so as to be rotatable with a needle roller sandwiched therebetween. The outer ring comprises a main body fitted in the fitting hole and a closed end provided at one end in the main body. The trunnion includes an end surface having a ball holding hole formed thereon. A ball receiving section for elastically receiving a ball held in the ball holding hole is provided at the closed end of the outer ring. The ball receiving section includes either one of a conical tapered surface and a concavely-curved surface. The radius of curvature of the concavely-curved surface is larger than the radius of the ball.